Mission Statement

Lysterfield Primary School will provide a positive and safe learning environment that caters for a variety of learning styles. Our objective is to develop confident, well-adjusted, resilient, lifelong learners capable of being responsible for their own opinions and actions, whilst being positive contributors to the global society and a sustainable environment.
**ACTING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**100 Days and Counting**

Congratulations to all our Foundation students who celebrated 100 days at school last Friday. To commemorate the day, each student brought along ‘100 objects’ to represent their days at school and proceeded to count them using a 100s counting chart. From popcorn, gummy-bears and skittles to buttons, marbles and coins; our Foundies counted, organised and sorted their collections. And of course, the best part was that many of the collections could, and were, eaten.

I must admit, by the fourth classroom, my sugar levels were a little high. A huge thank-you to our Foundation teachers for coordinating such a great activity and to the parents for helping our Foundies organise their collections.

**Rio Olympics**

This weekend, the Rio Olympics officially begins with the Opening ceremony scheduled for 9am Saturday morning. As part of this term’s Inquiry unit, levels have been delving into the history, events and athletes of the Olympics. To help celebrate the Rio Olympics, our Circles program this week will involve our very own ‘Mini-Olympics’ where Circles groups will participate in an opening ceremony, compete together in a variety of activities and award the best three teams – ‘Gold, Silver and Bronze’. All activities will be led by our Year 6 student leaders and Circle’s teachers. A huge thankyou to Mr Nelson, Mrs Deayton and our Year 6 Circles leaders for the organisation and ‘setting-up’ of the event.

**Wet Weather**

Even though we are in the last month of winter, it seems that over the next week, we will have a number of cold and wet days. Whilst we always attempt to give our students the opportunity to be outside at recess and lunch, the grounds have become extremely ‘water logged’ which has resulted in a number of our play areas becoming ‘out of bounds’ and clothing becoming wet and in need of a change. At our last House Assemblies, we reminded the students that although it can be miserable, there were a number of things to make things a bit more pleasant. They included:

- Playing away from the ‘puddles’ and ‘water-logged grassed areas’ for the time being
- Wiping your shoes when you enter the classroom
- Taking off your shoes if they are really wet from playing in the yard
- Remembering that you can bring your slippers to wear in the classroom, and
- Putting an extra pair of socks in your bag to change into

We also encouraged students to bring books, reading material, card games, etc. on ‘rainy days’ for those times when our students are inside due to a wet weather timetable.
**OPTIONAL Camp T-Shirt Offer: Middle School**

This year Mitch Burdett (one of our past students) is offering our 3 & 4 students the **OPTION** of purchasing a specially designed T-Shirt to commemorate their experience at Camp. Mitch has provided camp T-Shirts in previous years. The T-shirt is not part of the clothing list provided for the camp and is an **OPTIONAL** purchase by parents.

The cost is $15.00 per T-Shirt, **CASH ONLY** and a sample of the T-Shirt in various sizes is available at the office.

To order a T-Shirt, collect an order form from the Office and return it with payment to the Office by **Friday 19th August 2016**.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the Parent Opinion Survey is conducted each year and enables Lysterfield to use the information gathered to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. The survey is given to 15% of the school community who are randomly selected from the school data base. A big thankyou to those families for their time and effort in completing the survey and if you are one of the families who are yet to return their copy; could you do so as soon as possible.

*Sandra Irvine*

**LIBRARY**

It’s Book Fair time!

**Dates:** Monday 8 August, Tuesday 9 August, Wednesday 10 August and Thursday 11 August

**Time:** 3.30—4.30pm

**Place:** Library

**Raffle:** 1 ticket for every book purchased, 6 prizes in total

Please come along and have a look, there will be lots of new titles.

The 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is drawing to a close.

Please continue to enter titles read on the Challenge website on a regular basis.

**The Challenge closes for Lysterfield Primary School on Friday 26 August 2016.**

**Please do not submit print outs of Student Reading Logs** to school but ensure you have completed them online ready for verification by Lysterfield Primary School staff by **Friday 26 August 2016**.

The Online Honour Roll will be available in October.

Participation Certificates will be issued in November and presented at a whole school assembly once received.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy this wonderful opportunity to read and share some of the amazing children’s literature available.

*Sandra Irvine*
**TECH TALK**

*Setting Boundaries & Expectations*

During ‘Circle Time’ and general discussions in the classroom, students often talk about their hobbies and interests. A common theme from Foundation to Grade 6 at Lysterfield PS is the use of digital devices and the thrill of playing games online. Lysterfield students often amaze us with their wealth of knowledge and expertise with various apps or programs. In fact, it is not uncommon for a student to be assisting a teacher with troubleshooting, which is no doubt fairly common in the home setting as well.

However, just like any “real” aspect of home life, children need clear guidelines when it comes to exploring a “virtual” world. Below are some tips that might assist you in doing this in your home:

1. It is important to set limits; kids need them and expect them.
2. Have discussions with your children about the programs / software they are using and the potential risks that might be associated (i.e. issues with online chat, linked videos on YouTube being inappropriate, advertisements, scams, etc).
3. Set clear times within the day for device use in your household. Think about your routines and how your predetermined time restrictions fit into that routine.
4. Some parents recommend that devices remain out of the bedroom. Not only is it easier and safer to monitor, but it also a significant distraction in an area of the house that should be for rest. In our most recent “Look Up” challenge, students reported back that they were sleeping better and had less headaches as a result of not using a device for two weeks.
5. Consider parental controls for the device. There is software available that allows parents to place individualised restrictions, ensuring that children only have access to certain apps and programs at certain times of the day. For example, parents who allow their children to use an iPad, iPhone and iPod can go to: Settings >> General >> Restrictions >> Enable Restrictions

I hope this advice assists you in an area that can sometimes be challenging to know what to do. If you have a system that works well in your household then well done and keep it up! The key is to keep the experience positive and clear communication leads to that.

*Craig McKenzie—ICT Leader*

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**SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

Klad Sport,
8 Macro Court, Rowville, 3178
Phone: 9763 0266

**Trading Hours:**

Mon-Thurs 8.30am to 5.00pm  
Fri 8.30 to 4.30pm  
Sat 10.00am to 1.00pm

Please note, due to increasing bank fees, all EFTPOS payments made at Klad Sport must be over $20.00.
SUSTAINABILITY

Mrs Loveless’ Stir Fry

Ingredients

Whatever you have growing in the veggie garden

Pak Choy, Kale, Broccoli, Cauliflower (purple), chives, carrot, spinach, silverbeet, zucchini, green beans, snow peas

(These are suggestions, we have all these growing in our garden)

Soba Noodles (you can choose your favourite noodles)

Sauce: tamari (soy sauce), honey, sweet chilli sauce, water

Olive oil

Method

- Pick all you need from the garden
- Wash all the vegies thoroughly
- Chop all the vegies into small pieces (fingers held like a bridge to avoid cuts)
- Heat wok with oil (approx. 1tbs)
- Stir fry all vegies. Add to pan in order of time taken to cook eg carrot first then broccoli, cauliflower, kale until cooked to your taste. (Some people like crisp, some like well cooked)
- Add tamari, honey, sweet chilli and water (not too much depends on your taste) Can use a prepared sauce from shop.
- Cook noodles

Serve in a bowl. Eat and enjoy.

CANTEEN

We are always looking for parent helpers, so if you are able to volunteer please leave your details at the office or fill out the form below. All we ask is 2 hours on a Friday once a term. Thank you in anticipation.

Enjoy your lunch.

Carolyn and Gayle

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER

Yes, I am able to volunteer to help in the Canteen.

Please circle day/s volunteering:

Friday 5 August  Friday 12 August  Friday 19 August  Friday 26 August

Monday 1 August  Special Lunch Day

Name:..............................................................................................................................

Phone:..............................................................................................................................

Eldest Child’s Name:..........................................................................................Grade:........................................
FREE GIRLS FOOTY CLINICS

LJFC will be running a series of three AFL footy clinics for any girls interested in attending. These clinics will be suitable for beginners through to experienced players. No previous playing experience is required! All girls with an interest in AFL footy are encouraged to attend.

The clinics will run from 9:30-11:00am at Lakesfield Reserve on the following dates:

Saturday 6th August
Saturday 13th August
Saturday 20th August

There is no cost for these clinics.

Please send an email to tanya@lysterfieldjfc.org.au or SMS/call 0414 417 810 to register your interest in attending.

PARENT’S ASSOCIATION

TRIVIA NIGHT-SATURDAY 20 AUGUST

We have some awesome prizes up for grabs—weekends away, flight vouchers etc.

So please get in quick and book your table as there are only a limited number available.

$120.00 per table
GRADE 4 BREAD TAG CHALLENGE

Earlier in the year the Grade 4 students were looking at place value during maths and wondered what 1,000,000 items might look like. They decided to collect bread tags.

Term 3 is well underway and 26,771 tags have been collected, so a new goal has been set to collect between 75,000—100,000.

Bread tags are used to tie up bread and rolls and look like this:

When the challenge closes on Tuesday 13 December 2016 the bread tags will be donated to Bread Tags for Wheelchairs who raise funds to supply people in need with wheelchairs in Africa.

More information can be found at:
http://www.breadtagsforwheelchairs.co.za/

So please keep collecting and bringing the tags into school. Ask your family, friends and neighbours if they will donate and help the Grade 4 students reach their challenge and also help those less fortunate.